

HOUSE No. 1016

By Mrs. Poirer of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirer relative to the awarding of diplomas for civics education by the Board of Education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CIVICS SEAL ON DIPLOMAS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 2 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
- 3 following paragraph:—
- 4 The board of education shall establish criteria for awarding a
- 5 diploma seal for excellence in civics education, based on under-
- 6 standing of the state and federal constitutions and the democratic
- 7 model of government for the standard and advanced studies
- 8 diplomas. The board shall consider criteria for successful comple-
- 9 tion of history, government and civics course (including courses
- 10 incorporating character education); voluntary participation in
- 11 community service or extracurricular activities; and related
- 12 requirements.